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SUBJECT: SPEECH IN ICELAND MADE BY EUGENE ROSTOW, ATA PRESIDENT

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1. EUGENE ROSTOW, DEAN OF YALE LAW SCHOOL, FORMER DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY, AND CURRENT PRESIDENT OF ATLANTIC TREATY ASSOCIATION, MADE SHORT VISIT TO REYKJAVIK, JUNE 29-JULY 2, AS GUEST OF LOCAL CHAPTER OF ATA.

2. HIGHLIGHT OF ROSTOW'S PROGRAM WAS SPEECH BEFORE ATA DINNER AT WHICH FOLLOWING WERE MAIN POINTS:

A) WE ARE NOW IN A PRE-WAR SITUATION. HAD GERMANY AND FRANCE STOPPED HITLER IN THE RHINELAND, HE COULD NEVER HAVE ATTACKED AUSTRIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND POLAND IN THE EAST. SIMILARLY, WE MUST STOP THE IMPERIALIST DRIVE OF THE SOVIET UNION BEFORE WE FACE THE SAME TRAGEDY.

B) THE MAJOR MISTAKE IN OUR HANDLING OF THE NEAR EAST EVENTS WAS THAT US SECRETARY OF STATE DID NOT "ALLOW" THE ISRAELIS TO CAPTURE 150,000 EGYPTIAN TROOPS AND DESTROY THE EGYPTIAN ARMY. HAD THEY DONE SO, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO OIL BOYCOTT AND THE SOLIDARITY OF THE ARABS WOULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN. WE BACKED DOWN IN THE FACE OF SOVIET PRESSURES.

C) THE PARIS AGREEMENTS ON VIETNAM WERE BASED ON AMERICAN MILITARY SUCCESS AND IT WAS THE SOVIETS WHO TESTED US TO SEE IF WE WOULD INSIST OF THEIR BEING OBSERVED. THE AGREEMENTS WERE BASICALLY BETWEEN US AND THE SOVIETS AND IT WAS THE SOVIETS WHO REFUSED TO HONOR THEM JUST AS THEY HAD REFUSED TO HONOR THEIR AGREEMENTS AT POTSDAM AND YALTA.

D) THE MOST SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT IN THE PAST DECADE WAS THE CHANGE IN POLICY OF COMMUNIST CHINA WHICH REALIZED IT MUST TURN TO US FOR PROTECTION FROM THE SOVIET UNION. THE SOVIETS NOW HAVE 50 DIVISIONS TOTALLING SOME 1,000,000 MEN ON THE CHINESE BORDERS.

E) ON A DEFINITION OF "DETENTE," ROSTOW QUOTED A CONVERSATION SCHUMANN HAD WITH MAO-TZE TUNG WHO REPORTEDLY SAID "I AM DETENTE, I RELIEVE SOVIET PRESSURES ON EUROPE."

F) FOLLOWING THE DEFEAT IN VIETNAM THERE IS CURRENTLY "RAGE" IN THE UNITED STATES WITH A STRONG REACTION AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION AND DETENTE. THIS IS SHOWN BY THE FACT THAT THERE WAS NO CUT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE DEFENSE BUDGET AND THAT SENATOR MANSFIELD SAID THAT IF SOUTH KOREA WERE INVADED, THE US WOULD AGAIN HAVE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN AN ASIAN LAND WAR.

G) DETENTE IS A GOAL TO WHICH EVERYONE WOULD SUBSCRIBE BUT IT REMAINS A GOAL AND NOT A FACT. AS CAN BE SEEN IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND IN PORTUGAL, IT IS ONLY A COVER UNDER WHICH THE SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE AGRESSION.

H) THE LAST SOVIET MILITARY EXERCISE HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT IN EUROPE BECAUSE IT SHOWED JUST HOW AGGRESSIVE THE SOVIETS WERE PREPARED TO BE. "SOVIET PLANES FLYING UP THE RHONE" FORCED EVEN THE FRENCH TO REVERSE THEIR USUAL POSITIONS.

I) THE OVERTHROW OF THE LEFTISTS GOVERNMENT IN ICELAND WAS A VICTORY FOR ALL OF EUROPE AND CAUSED A "DRAMATIC" REACTION. IN MALTA AND PORTUGAL, PEOPLE SAY, "IF ICELAND CAN OVERTHROW THE COMMUNISTS, WHY CAN'T WE?"

J) THE STRATEGIC POSITION OF ICELAND HAS INCREASED WITH THE INCREASE IN SOVIET NAVAL STRENGTH AND IT IS CLEAR THE SOVIETS WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO BRING ICELAND UNDER THEIR CONTROL. THUS THEY CAN DIVIDE EUROPE FROM THE UNITED STATES AND ENCIRCLE EUROPE.

3. IN INTERVIEW WHICH APPEARED IN DAILY MORGUNBLADID JULY 2, ROSTOW MADE BASICALLY SAME POINTS BUT IN SOMEWHAT MORE SUBDUED MANNER. IN EDITORIAL COMMENT JULY 3, COMMUNIST-DOMINATED THJODVILJINN CALLED ROSTOW A "FRONT GUARD FOR THE ETERNAL OCCUPATION OF ICELAND" WHOSE GOAL WAS PREVENTING "THE COMMUNISTS FROM GETTING THE UPPER HAND." THE PAPER SIAD, "HE WAS HERE RECENTLY TO THANK THE ICELANDIC FRONT GUARD CORPS FOR WORK WELL DONE AND TO ANNOUNCE THAT THEY HAD ENCOURAGED THEIR PALS IN MALTA AND PORTUGAL...

4. COMMENT: AMONG EVEN THE STRONGEST SUPPORTERS OF THE ATA, THERE APPEARED TO BE REGRET THAT ROSTOW'S TACTIC HAD BEEN OVERKILL. HIS STRIDENT COLD WAR RHETORIC DID LITTLE TO FURTHER USG OBJECTIVES AND MAY HAVE BEEN EVEN COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. PROGRESSIVE PARTY SUPPORTERS OF NATO AND OUR BASE AT KEFLAVIK ARE PARTICULARLY IRRITATED AT ROSTOW'S STATEMENT REGARDING ICELAND IN REFERENCE TO MALTA AND PORTUGAL, ABOVE. THE PP WAS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PREVIOUS LEFT GOVERNMENT AND CURRENTLY ARE IN COALITION IN A "RIGHTEST" GOVERNMENT. ROSTOW'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE TURN OF EVENTS RE CHANGE IN GOVERNMENT IS SIMPLISTIC AND SUPERFICIAL. IRVING

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